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In early 1952, the 3 Field Army was ordered to form three mobile columns during 1952. Each of these columns will be equal to a division in strength and will include one motorized reinforced infantry regiment, two motorized artillery battalions, 30 to 40 small tanks, and 30 to 40 trucks. After these columns have been organized, they will be assigned to the 8, 9, and 10 Army Groups, 3 Field Army, and will be stationed in the Nanking-Shanghai, Northern Kiangsu, and Fukien areas.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. These mobile units are being formed primarily as preparation for coastal defense against Nationalist landings. [REDACTED] the 3 Field Army had one mobile column before crossing the Yangtse in 1949. This column 25X1X was later changed into a Special Army Group, which was subsequently divided into artillery and armored units. [REDACTED] the 3 Field Army organized one mobile column during the 1951 campaign to build a modern national defense force. This column has been assigned to the 7 Army Group to strengthen Chekiang coastal defenses.

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